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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

**DATES:** We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or e-mail [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Public Comment Procedures**

**A. How Do I Request Copies of Applications or Comment on Submitted Applications?**

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the *Federal Register* notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an e-mail or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

#### B. May I Review Comments Submitted by Others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal

identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

## II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009 - Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

## III. Permit Applications

### A. Endangered Species

**Applicant: Snow Leopard Conservancy, Sonoma, CA; PRT-66148A**

The applicant requests a permit to import hair samples from snow leopards (*Uncia uncia*) collected non-invasively from the wild for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species and scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period

**Applicant: Duke Lemur Center, Durham, NC; PRT-65708A**

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild specimens of Crossley's dwarf lemur (*Cheirogaleus crossleyi*), Sibree's dwarf lemur (*Cheirogaleus sibreei*), fat-tailed dwarf lemur (*Cheirogaleus medius*), and brown mouse lemur (*Microcebus rufus*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

**Applicant: University of Illinois, Urbana, IL; PRT-73881A**

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from wild specimens of chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

**Applicant: James Bruner, Comfort, TX; PRT-72932A**

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), and dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: James Bruner, Comfort, TX; PRT-72933A**

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), and dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Carol Neunhoffer, Kerrville, TX; PRT-71497A**

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Carol Neunhoffer, Kerrville, TX; PRT-71496A**

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Randall Cupp, Desdemona, TX; PRT-70436A**

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Randall Cupp, Desdemona, TX; PRT-70438A**

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Selah Springs Ranch, Brady, TX; PRT-67084A**

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Selah Springs Ranch, Brady, TX; PRT-67083A**

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: JX2, LLC, Colorado City, TX; PRT-69145A**

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) and addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: JX2, LLC, Colorado City, TX; PRT-70234A**

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) and addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: DMK Ranching, Junction, TX; PRT-71317A**

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: DMK Ranching, Junction, TX; PRT-71316A**

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Brad Blevins, Edmond, OK; 804095**

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) and Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Twisted Oaks Ranch, LLC, Hallettsville, TX; PRT-73610A**

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), and dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Twisted Oaks Ranch, LLC, Hallettsville, TX; PRT-73612A**

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Frank Deel, Kaufman, TX; PRT-73856A**

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*) and scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Frank Deel, Kaufman, TX; PRT-73857A**

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*) and scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Powell, OH; PRT-690989**

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, genus, and species, to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families:

Bovidae  
Bradypodidae  
Camelidae  
Cebidae  
Cercopithecidae  
Cervidae  
Dasyuridae  
Equidae  
Felidae (does not include jaguar, margay or ocelot)  
Hominidae  
Hyaenidae  
Hylobatidae  
Lemuridae



Macropodidae  
Rhinocerotidae  
Sciuridae  
Solenodontidae  
Tapiridae  
Ursidae  
Rheidae

Species

Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*)  
Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)  
brush-tailed rat kangaroo (*Bettongia penicillata*)  
Komodo monitor (*Varanus komodoensis*)

**Applicant: Carson Springs Wildlife Conservation Foundation, Gainesville, FL;**

**PRT-56870A**

The applicant requests amendment of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) to include Grevy's zebra (*Equus grevyi*), scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*), addax (*Addax nasomaculatus*), dama gazelle (*Nanger dama*), and red lechwe (*Kobus leche*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Richard Noble, Sheridan, OR; PRT-750150**

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the mhorh gazelle (*Gazella dama mhorh*), slender-horned gazelle (*Gazella leptoceros*), and bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Center for Conservation of Tropical Ungulates, Punta Gorda, FL; PRT-018969**

The applicant requests renewal of their captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following families, genus, and species, to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Families:

Bovidae

Rhinocerotidae

Tapiridae

Species

Buru Babirusa (*Babyrousa babyrussa*)

Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoides nigra*)

**Applicant: Sharbutt Land & Cattle, Cross Cut, TX; PRT-71664A**

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the scimitar-horned oryx (*Oryx dammah*) to enhance their propagation or survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC; PRT-73008A**

The applicant requests a permit to import biological specimens collected from nesting female hawksbill sea turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) on or near Long Island, Antigua, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 1-year period.

**Applicant: American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY; PRT-761887**

The applicant requests a renewal of their permit to export and re-import non-living museum specimens of endangered and threatened species previously accessioned into the

applicant's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

**Applicant: Dana Kirk, Kerrville, TX; PRT-73864A**

The applicant requests a permit to import a sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

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